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**REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT DATED SEPTEMBER 24, 2007**

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This Reply is in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on September 24, 2007 in connection with the above-identified patent application.

The Examiner requires restriction to one of the following four groups:

Group I – Claims 1-12, 42-52 and 73, drawn to Vulnerability assessment and message parsing, classified in class 709, subclass 206.

Group II – Claims 13-24, drawn to character sequencing, classified in class 707 subclass 6.

Group III – Claims 25, 27-32, drawn to entropy measurement, analysis of output, classified in 714 subclass 37.

Group IV – Claims 33-41 and 66-69, drawn to error detection classified in class 714, subclass 49.

Group V – Claims 53-65 and 74-75, drawn to packet filtering, classified in class 726, subclass 13.

Applicants' representative hereby elects with traverse Group I – Claims 1-12, 42-52 and 73, drawn to Vulnerability assessment and message parsing, classified in class 709, subclass 206. Should there be any questions regarding this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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Respectfully submitted,  
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